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LETTER DATED 5 JULY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, as part of a series of actions aimed at hindering Iraq's sincere efforts to create a climate of mutual confidence based on the principles of good neighbourliness and non-interference in the internal affairs of States and in accordance with its policies of giving currency to accusations and fallacies, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has recently sought to insinuate the name of Iraq into the matter of the bombing incident that took place in the Iranian city of Mashhad on 20 June 1994.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq vehemently denies the Iranian claims and allegations and affirms that it had no association, direct or indirect, with the bombing incident at the Imam al-Rida mausoleum in Mashhad on 20 June 1994. It expresses its disapprobation of the deliberate attempt by the Iranian Government to bring Iraq's name into the matter.

On numerous occasions and by a variety of means, the Iraqi Government has clearly expressed its interest in and its sincere desire for a settlement of unresolved issues with the Iranian side so as to serve the legitimate interests of both countries, and it has made sustained efforts in this regard. Accusations such as this are not in keeping with the sincere desire and worthy intentions expressed by the Republic of Iraq with respect to its relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In this context, the Government of Iraq reminds the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran that the charge made against Iraq in connection with this incident coincides with such actions as the numerous grave violations of the sovereignty of the Republic of Iraq and the integrity of its territory and territorial waters recently committed by the Iranian authorities for the purpose of hampering Iraq's sincere efforts to create a climate of mutual confidence based on the principles of good-neighbourliness and non-interference in the internal affairs of States.

That the Iranian Mojahedin-e Khalq organization is present in the territory of Iraq does not necessarily mean that Iraq has any link or connection with the functioning or activities of the organization. Iran is well aware that this

organization maintains a presence and engages in activities in many other countries, but it does not attempt to link the names of these countries with the incident in question as it has done in the case of Iraq, thereby indicating that Iran has preconceived schemes in this connection. There is also the attempt to mislead Iranian and international public opinion by deflecting attention away from the true situation of Iran and the fact that it harbours perfidious and deluded lackeys who use Iranian territory as a base and a launching point for terrorist activities against Iraq and supplies them with the funds and weapons needed to achieve their destructive objectives directed against the people of Iraq.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq, reaffirming its commitment to and respect for the principles of good-neighbourliness and the norms governing international relations, requests you to intervene as required in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations in order to urge Iran to comply with those principles, to advance the interests of both countries, to desist from its violations of the principles and norms governing relations of good-neighbourliness and to halt its repeated violations of Iraq's international boundaries, its airspace and its territorial waters.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saeed H. HASAN
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